Please amend Claim 1 as shown in this complete set of all pending Claims:

1.      (Currently Amended)  A method of speech encoding, comprising:

(a) determine bandpass voicing levels <u>for each of a plurality of bands</u> for a frame of speech; <u>and</u>

(b) determine a zero-phase equalization filter for said frame wherein harmonics which fall into a band <u>of the plurality of bands</u> that was determined to have a voicing level below a threshold in step (a) are replaced for said zero-phase equalization filter.

2.      (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein: (a) said determining bandpass voicing of step (a) uses the frequency bands 0-500 Hz, 500-1000 Hz, 1000-2000 Hz, 2000-3000 Hz, and 3000-4000 Hz.